

SENATE BILL 1112  
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the importation of prescription drugs from foreign nations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The governor shall, by October 1, 2005, submit a proposal to the federal food and drug administration and the United States secretary of health and human services requesting approval for the importation of prescription drugs from Canada for the TennCare program. The proposal shall, at a minimum establish protections to ensure only quality prescription drugs are imported, including requirements that drugs supplied by Canadian pharmacists come in their original packaging with the limitation that such drugs be made in the United States. Such proposal may include any other requirements deemed appropriate by the governor.

SECTION 2. If lawful, the governor may authorize the commissioner of finance and administration to enter into agreements and implement a program that lawfully secures the importation of prescription drugs from Canada for the benefit of state programs and the citizens of Tennessee without the necessity of securing approval from the federal food and drug administration or the federal secretary of health and human services.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.